

SEPTEMBER 2015

MESSENGER



Welcome to Sarah Kate DeWynngaert New Director of Children's Ministries at Church

Morningside Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce that Sarah Kate DeWynngaert will join the staff as the full-time Director of Children's Ministries on October 5. She will be working with all programs for children from birth to fifth grade including being a liaison to the preschool and providing programs for the children attending MPP.

Sarah Kate graduated from Presbyterian College with a degree in Christian Education and Religion. She anticipates completing Christian Educator Certification in 2016 and is pursuing a Masters of Theology with an emphasis on Christian Education at Columbia Seminary in Decatur. We all look forward to welcoming her next month!

Extended Day Starts Oct. 5

Students in our Two Year old classes can start staying from 12noon-1pm on Monday, October 5. The cost is \$7.50 per day billed at end of month. Be sure to send their own lunch and drink and sign them in for Extended Day when dropping off in the morning. Pick up at classroom 12:50-1:00 p.m. Depending on class sizes Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, the classes might be combined and could

all be together in either Room 009 (Ms. Heather & Ms. Morgan's room) or Room 012 (Ms. Betsy & Ms. Daniela's room).

This program begins in January for Toddlers who have turned two years old.



Contacting the Office
404-685-8758
calls & voice messages
for MPP business

Call or text Director
Melinda Sandkam's cell
404-687-0683 for urgent
communications

mpp@morningsidepc.org school
business and emails regarding
children being sick or
permission being given for
someone else to pick up
children

Office Hours

Mondays-Thursdays 8 am - 4:30 pm
Fridays 8 am - 2 pm

Did you know?

Details about MPP Fundraising

- Did you know that you can use multiple Publix Partner Cards? For instance, when paying for groceries, you could present one for MES, one for Inman AND one for MPP! Extra MPP Publix Partner Cards available just inside door underneath enrichment mailboxes.
- Easy dinner, easy way to support MPP once a month with Maddio's Take & Bake fundraiser. The week before the 3rd Tuesday, order pizza and salads. Pick up your dinner from the Youth Room (just inside MPP door) on the 3rd Tuesday and MPP gets 10% of the proceeds.

PLAYGROUND EXPANSION



Thank you for YOUR support that contributed to the renovation of playground this year!



* Shade Structure for over the swings on order!

FIRST DINE-OUT OF SCHOOL YEAR 9/29



Join us at El Taco (1186 N. Highland) on Tuesday, Sept. 29 for an easy way to support MPP! If we bring at least 60 diners, then we receive 20% of the whole restaurant's evening's proceeds. If less than 60 attend, we receive only the 20% of our MPP guests. So invite, friends, neighbors, plan a get together with classmates or come later with only grown-ups.) Be sure to mention that you are with MPP! Reservations are accepted for parties of 7 or more. For groups under 7 you may call ahead to reduce wait times 404-873-4656. We hope to see you there!

Maddio's Order Forms Due Friday 9/11

In-School, Before AND After School Enrichment Programs Begin Week of 9/14

Maddio's Take & Bake Pick Up Tuesday 9/15

Early Release at 11:50 for Teacher Continuing Education Workshop Friday 9/18

Ms. Debbi's Birthday 9/18

Individual Pictures Taken by Ms. Denise

5 day Threes, All PreK Tuesday 9/22

2 day Twos, All Toddlers Thursday 9/24

Queen Glitter 9:30 a.m. Wed. 9/24

Ms. Morgan's Birthday 9/24

Church offers Food Trucks Thur. 9/24 5-8pm

Dine Out at El Taco 5-10 p.m. Tuesday 9/29

Individual Pictures Taken by Ms. Denise

3 day Threes, All 3 day Twos Wednesday 9/30

Tuition Due Thursday 10/1

Extended Day Begins for Twos Monday 10/5

SAVE THE DATE



When: Friday, Nov. 13

What: Annual Fun-Raiser

Why: To support MPP

Where: Paris on Ponce

How: Tickets will be available for purchase soon

What do I need to do: Book childcare NOW

How can I help:

Contact co-chairs Erin Heyman

erinheyman@gmail.com,

Caitlin Campbell

caitlincampbell2012@gmail.com

& Kelly Webb

krw9474@yahoo.com for

more information on sponsorships, recruiting donations from local businesses, assisting with class art projects and so much more!

Working and playing with the letters of the alphabet



Preschool Children Need to Play!

<http://wapo.st/1EwxlKn>

Thanks to a MPP parent for sharing this recent Washington Post article discussing how “young children learn best through meaningful play experiences”. This is something that is already an integral part of the MPP program and we want to continue to make a priority. This article places emphasis on “active free play outdoors” which you all supported with the recent expansion and improvements to the playground.

- Melinda

NUMBERS

Students at MPP this year

102

Number of Years Ms. Deena has taught

40

Families new to MPP Welcome!

25

Individual & Sibling Pictures Taken by Denise

Former MPP Teacher Denise Varnadoe has been our school photographer for many years and we are pleased to report that she will be taking photos Sept. 22, 24 and 30. See calendar above for when she is taking pictures for each class. Contact her at denise@varnadoe.net to make arrangements for siblings to be photographed together.

Before & After School Enrichment Opportunities

ENRICHMENT AT MPP

We are pleased to facilitate the following organizations offering before and after school programs for our community. We release your children to the employees of the programs at dismissal and reprogram your access keys to get you into the building at pick up time. Fliers and registration forms can be found in folders just inside main door. (This is also the location to drop off forms and payments unless they require on-line registration.) Be sure to write checks to the organizations (not MPP) or register on-line. We welcome your feed back about the programs that are offered here at Morningside Presbyterian. All programs begin the week of Sept. 14 and end by Friday, Dec. 11 for the fall semester.

ART

Former MPP Teacher & Parent Denise Varnadoe offers a Mini-Monets Art class through Two Crafty Chicks. Sign up today for **Tuesday** afternoons.

Forms at MPP or Visit www.twocraftychicks.com for more information.

BALLET

Creative Movement and Dance offers tap-ballet for threes (must be potty trained) and fours on **Mondays** 1-2pm. Pick up form at MPP or on-line registration available at www.creativemovementanddance.com.

KARATE

MPP Parent Alison Giannavalo offers Karate on **Fridays** through Atlanta Kicks. **Due to early release on Sept. 18, Karate will be 12noon-1pm that first day. Bring a lunch that day.** Contact Alison with any questions ali@atlantakick.com.

MUSIC

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Greg's Musical Madness on **Wednesdays** in the Youth Room. Brochures available. Register on-line at MrGregsOffice@gmail.com.

PLAYBALL

Playball on **Tuesdays** is for three or four year olds. **Thursdays** are for only four year olds. Fill out form and turn in with check. Contact Coach Connie at 678-463-0431 or www.atlantaplayball.com for more information.

YOGA

MPP Teacher Kim Williams is pleased to offer yoga for children ages 2-5 years old on **Wednesday mornings** 8:15-8:45 a.m. Forms available or contact Kim Williams at KNWilliams72@yahoo.com.

Enrichment Programs

Before and After School

Mondays

Ballet

Tuesdays **Art/Playball**

Wednesday Mornings **Yoga**

Wednesdays

Music

Thursdays

Playball

Fridays

Karate

IN SCHOOL
ENRICHMENT ALSO
BEGINS WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 14

Mondays - Belkis Sykes leads Spanish for Threes and Pre-K Classes

Mondays - Georgia Marshall leads Science for 5 day Threes

Fridays - Deena Riley leads Creative Movement for Twos, Threes and Pre-K Classes (each group enjoys Creative Movement every other week)